

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ROE V. WADE

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a physician who has held 20-week-old babies in my hand, it floors me to think that some do not feel they are worthy of life. Who knows how many future movie stars, professional athletes, or even members of Congress never got their chance to shine because they were believed to only be “a clump of cells.”

Abortion activists always deflect with the line: “not your body, not your choice.” Dye their hair green, pierce their lip, tattoo their tongue, the whole nine yards. That’s their prerogative. A developing person is NOT a body part. A baby is its own completely separate entity. They have unique DNA. They have a unique future awaiting them. Nobody has the right to kill it.

Of course, pregnancies are absolutely difficult on women. I’ve watched my wife go through three of them. But what is more important? Opting out of a difficult 9 months? Or, on average, the 80 years of human life that result from that pregnancy?

One argument you frequently hear is that it’s cruel for babies to be born into a world of poverty, so they’re better off dead. This is such a sad argument. Life can be difficult, no doubt, being born into poverty, but life also offers endless opportunities for success. How can anyone deprive someone of their chance to succeed and experience life?

As science continues to progress and we learn more and more about babies in the early stages of pregnancy, it’s my hope that people will finally come around to see their humanity. I pledge to continue fighting until that day comes and this evil is rooted out of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEROME
KATER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerome Kater of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, who recently received the Jefferson Award from CBS 21 News.

As president of the board at Katie’s Place, Mr. Kater has worked tirelessly to devote his time and resources to helping the people of Shippensburg. Under his leadership, Katie’s Place serves as a distribution site for charitable goods and services. For his community efforts, Mr. Kater received the 8 Who Cares Award in November—another testament to his spirit of service. In addition to his volunteer work, Mr. Kater also serves as a member of

the Shippensburg University Police Department. Through it all, he credits God with giving him a heart for service.

Jerome Kater is a selfless leader and exceptional role model. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank Mr. Kater for his service to the Shippensburg community, and I congratulate him and his family on this remarkable honor.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THESPIAN TROUPE 6803 AT
BORDENTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School for their exceptional service to New Jersey and their community.

Amid a global crisis, the students of Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School revitalized the discontinued Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program and became true leaders. In response to the hunger they witnessed in their community, Thespian Troupe 6803 raised over 615 pounds of food for the St. Mary’s Food Pantry as part of the Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat Program.

In this time, where a growing number of New Jersey residents are going to bed hungry, we should be doing all we can to ensure that we feed those in need. Thespian Troupe 6803’s work exemplifies the best of New Jersey and New Jersey’s compassion for all of its citizens.

I could not be prouder of the students in this troupe, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING RICHMOND HILL

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ford Avenue Historic District as an officially designated area in the city of Richmond Hill.

After 2 years of planning, the Richmond Hill City Council approved an amendment to an ordinance creating the city’s first historic district on January 5th.

The Ford Avenue Historic District is at the heart of Richmond Hill’s history and contains primary locations and buildings Ford Motor Company built between 1925 and 1947. When Henry Ford came to Richmond Hill, the town was known as Ways Station. Upon his arrival, the town grew and became known as Richmond Hill. You can feel the history simply walking down the street.

Designating this remarkable historic district is just another positive effort by the city to pro-

mote, protect, and remember its roots. I am thankful for the Richmond Hill City Council’s diligent work on this and everything they do.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR MOMS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a desperate cry for help and a call to action for the millions of moms who have been pushed to the brink of economic, social, and emotional disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, moms—especially moms of color—have been facing the brunt of the economic fall out of this pandemic as a result of existing social barriers and policy failures that have been compounded by enduring racism and gender injustices.

What a year can do. At the beginning of 2020, even in the face of continued gender and racial wage gaps, women made up the majority of the workforce for the first time in almost a decade. A year later, women have lost over 5.4 million net jobs and account for 55 percent of overall net job loss since the start of the pandemic. Today, there are over 2 million fewer women in the labor force than there were before the pandemic. The pandemic has triggered a financial and emotional calamity for America’s moms, who are shouldering the majority of child care, domestic work, and remote school responsibilities—and this against the backdrop of women who were already overrepresented in low-wage jobs and underrepresented in high-wage jobs.

We know that mother’s wages are key to their families’ economic security and survival, even as they are leaving the workforce in droves or are reducing work hours—otherwise known as the “she-cession”. American moms are breadwinners in nearly half of families with children under 18, and yet the wage gap for moms is larger than for women overall, such that moms with full-time, year-round jobs are paid 70 cents for every dollar paid to dads. Adding to the tragedy is that moms permanently leaving the workforce are disrupting their career trajectory and endangering their future Social Security earnings and other potential retirement income. Furthermore, child nutrition is inextricably linked to mothers in the workforce, such that almost one in four children experienced food insecurity in 2020. This is a moral failure.

Madam Speaker, moms are screaming out for help. I hear constantly from other moms that this is just not sustainable. The unprecedented burdens of child care, work, remote learning—on top of the social isolation—have strained the mental and emotional health of moms. As a mom of two young boys, this issue is especially personal to me. Moms everywhere are saying: something has to give, before something ultimately breaks.

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That is why I am introducing the Marshall Plan for Moms to revitalize and restore moms in the workforce. After all, any meaningful and sustainable economic recovery from this pandemic must recognize and rebuild moms in the labor force. As such, the Marshall Plan calls for robust paid leave; saving our child care industry, with a vision toward universal child care and early learning; investment in our education system, including broadband connections; strengthening child poverty tools, such as child tax credit and earned income tax credit; expanded unemployment insurance benefits; strong SNAP benefits; federal minimum wage increase to \$15; and mental health support for moms.

We need a Marshall Plan for Moms because we need transformational structural change. Moms, especially moms of color, were already fighting an uphill battle against societal norms and economic injustices. They are hurting today, because, like so many other things, this pandemic has exacerbated already existing injustices and inequities.

Madam Speaker, as you have always said: When Women Succeed, America Succeeds. For the sake of our economy, we must prioritize addressing this precipice facing moms and immediately implement the Marshall Plan for Moms, so that moms have a fighting chance, and that they are protected against any future economic calamities. I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Officer Brian Sicknick, who tragically passed away from the injuries he sustained from the U.S. Capitol riots on January 6th.

Officer Sicknick was a New Jersey native who joined the Capitol Police in 2008 after serving in the New Jersey Air National Guard. He went through two different deployments and supported our country during the war in Afghanistan until he was honorably discharged.

Officer Sicknick's family said he wanted to be a police officer his entire life and joined the Air National Guard as a means to that end.

He is a hero who will be remembered by his untethered commitment to protecting all those within and around the hallowed halls of Congress.

I am thankful for Officer Sicknick's legacy, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, the Capitol Police, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF COOKIES FOR CAREGIVERS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Scott McKenzie and Jer-

emy Ulbricht of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania for starting the Cookies for Caregivers movement.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, a friendly competition between the two resulted in a cookie baking contest judged by the Mayor of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. After the competition was over, they took leftover cookies to the Huntingdon Police Department to thank the first responders. The gratitude the officers expressed inspired Scott and Jeremy to begin recruiting other members of the community to bake cookies for other essential workers.

Since then, Scott and Jeremy's group has baked more than 18,000 cookies. Their Facebook page, "Cookies for Caregivers," has more than a thousand members. Additionally, 23 similar groups have been started across the United States.

While our first responders endure to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, it is encouraging to see southcentral Pennsylvanians express gratitude to our community's essential workers. As Scott and Jeremy continue to offer encouragement to those on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19, I wish them and their movement every continued success.

HONORING WELLS COUNTY WORLD WAR II VETERAN ED GOETZ

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Ed Goetz of Wells County.

Next week, on Monday, February 15, Mr. Goetz will celebrate his 100th birthday. Congratulations Mr. Goetz on this wonderful occasion. I hope his heart is filled with joy knowing that he has experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family and friends over a long, well-lived life.

Our Nation owes Mr. Goetz a debt of gratitude for his dedicated service to our country while serving in the United States Army during World War II. As a flight engineer stationed in the South Pacific, Goetz flew a total of 37 combat missions over Japan, including one during which the crew was forced to crash land in the middle of the ocean.

In 1964, Goetz moved to Bluffton, where he became active in his church and the Boy Scouts. Goetz served on the boards of the United Way and The Wells County Foundation, helped provide income tax preparation for over 25 years, served as the treasurer for Friends of the Library for nearly 30 years, and worked to fill the Ossian Industrial Park with hundreds of jobs. In 2010, at age 90, Goetz was named the Wells County Citizen of the Year.

The story of Ed Goetz is the story of American greatness. As a patriot who served his country in war and community in peace, this honor is a testament to his commitment to the American people and ideals to which our Nation strive.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANN GONYEA'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TRENTON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joann Gonyea on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 35 years of service to the City of Trenton, Michigan. Her significant contributions to the Trenton community is worthy of commendation.

Ms. Gonyea grew up on the east side of Detroit, Michigan. Later attending Wayne State University and graduating with a degree in Recreation and Parks Services. In 1985, she was introduced to the City of Trenton as an intern with the Wayne County park system. She was hired to the City of Trenton's Parks and Recreation team, eventually rising to the position of Director of Parks and Recreation.

During her time as Director, she has broken ground on numerous projects. She was a critical partner in the development and opening of the Refuge Gateway of Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the only International Wildlife Refuge in North America. As a leader in the Downriver Linked Greenways project, she helped build a trail to connect the wildlife refuge with the downriver linked greenways. Ms. Gonyea is leaving a legacy of successful revitalization projects and has helped the city of Trenton earn the title of "trail town."

The parks, trails, and greenways she has helped develop have transformed the 12th District and will have a lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of its residents. Her work has been vital in promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joann Gonyea for her exemplary 35 years of public service. She has effectively served Trenton and the State of Michigan in her role as Parks and Recreation Director through her selflessness and dedication to the community. I join with Joann's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

REMEMBERING BETTY MINER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Betty Miner of Richmond Hill who sadly passed away at the age of 87.

Betty lived a remarkable life and touched countless lives. She was a lifelong resident of Richmond Hill and became the first woman councilmember for the city in 1971.

Betty also served as mayor pro-tem. In addition to her work to lead and improve Richmond Hill, she served on the DNR board for the state of Georgia through which she was instrumental in bringing the fisherman's co-op to Bryan County. Through every position she had, she worked to better her community and every life she touched.

My thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOB MILLER'S DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacob Miller for his service to Virginia's First Congressional District. Since joining my D.C. Staff in June 2019, Jacob has served a crucial role on my communications team. Jacob's dedication to delivering timely and helpful information to constituents is commendable and I am thankful for his tireless efforts for Virginia's First District.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, my office has made it a priority to send constituents the most up to date information on COVID-19 resources and relief. Jacob has been at the forefront of that effort since the very beginning. Jacob's thoughtfulness and strong work ethic has directly impacted constituents in Virginia's First District. Whether it was about CDC guidelines, information on testing, local and federal resources, all the way up to the most recent vaccine information, Jacob was a leader in providing this crucial information to constituents.

Jacob has a strong passion for history, a passion we both share. He is a gifted writer that sets him apart in the way he communicates to others. He has a notable ability to deliver complex information in a timely and understandable manner. Jacob is also a friend to all—he was always quick to help others in the office when needed and lend his thoughtful insight to any given task. Jacob has contributed to the office and my staff in a significant way, and he will be greatly missed.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today to recognize Jacob Miller and his dedication to the constituents of Virginia's First District. Jacob has bright future, and I wish him the best of luck on his future journey and career.

HONORING ELIZABETH YOTHERS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth Yothers on becoming one of the first young women in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Boy Scouts of America to achieve the position of Eagle Scout.

Elizabeth joined the Boy Scouts in 2019 when girls were first able to join. She was one of the founding members of Troop 1372, which is partnered with the all-male Troop 372. She first began her goal of becoming an Eagle Scout while in her senior year at Greater Latrobe High School and finished while attending Westmoreland County Community College.

In her journey to become an Eagle Scout, Elizabeth earned 31 merit badges, 10 more than the 21 required. For her Eagle Scout project, she planted grass, removed weeds, cleared gravel, and other tasks at the West-

moreland Cleanways Recycling Center in Unity.

Elizabeth already is giving back to the Boy Scouts of America and her community by serving as an assistant Scoutmaster. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Elizabeth Yothers on her trailblazing achievement and wish her all the best in the chapters to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE STURGEON BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department. In the early hours of February 1st, a bulk carrier ship holding fuel and docked for the winter, the M/V *Roger Blough*, caught fire. Over 100 Sturgeon Bay firefighters battled the blaze for hours, using 1.4 million gallons of water to extinguish the fire. Their bravery and skill ultimately lead to no deaths, no injuries, no fuel discharged, and minimal damage to the ship. These brave men and women deserve our thanks and gratitude, and have served Northeast Wisconsin exceptionally well.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department for their service and bravery on February 1st.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Pharmacist Day, which takes place on January 12th annually to recognize and honor pharmacists across the nation. As a pharmacist myself, I thoroughly understand the role each pharmacist plays as an integrated member of the health care team. Every day, pharmacists are directly involved in patient care and pharmacists are the most accessible health care professionals in the country. 95 percent of Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy.

As we battle COVID-19, pharmacists should be recognized as they are on the frontlines dispensing the vaccine. Because of their work, lives will be saved. They've been vital resources throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and they will continue to play an active role in combatting the virus.

I ask that you join me in recognizing all pharmacists by thanking them for their work.

IN RECOGNITION OF ABENA HOGAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the many outstanding contributions to the communities of Wayne County in Michigan's 13th Congressional District of Abena Hogan, as we honor her memory.

Born and raised in Detroit, Ms. Hogan was a proud daughter of her community. She began her first career in public service working for southeast Michigan's regional public transit system S. After 20 years of service, Ms. Hogan briefly retired before she was called back into serving the public once again, as the Community Relations Liaison to the Wayne County Clerk.

Ms. Hogan took immense pride in serving the people of Wayne County. She was an active member of countless community organizations, serving as a board member and as a volunteer, including the NAACP and Barton McFarland Community Council. Ms. Hogan believed deeply in the power of the people and grassroots action. She engaged people, young and old, on the importance of being involved and taking action.

Ms. Hogan was well-known for her boundless energy, willingness to always lend a hand to someone in need, and commitment to improving the quality of life for all community members. Ms. Hogan was affectionately called "Queen Abena" because of her commanding, yet loving presence. She was a true public servant and will truly be missed.

Please join me and "Smile! One more time!" as Abena Hogan always said, as we pay tribute to her memory and recognize her hard work on behalf of the communities of Detroit, Wayne County, and Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2021

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in 2021, the Year of the Ox. This year, Lunar New Year officially begins on February 12th.

With the continued expansion of Asian diaspora, Lunar New Year is now observed by millions of Asian Americans and by many non-Asian Americans in the United States. Lunar New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness. It is a special time for families to come together and celebrate the occasion with community activities and cultural performances. Having lots of delicious food is a major part of New Year festivities. A dish my family traditionally enjoys is noodle soup, which brings luck for the year ahead.

Of course, this year's celebration is very different from all the previous celebrations. Due to the pandemic, there will be less in-person celebrations—whether with our families or within our communities. But I still hope that we

can gather virtually to celebrate some of the traditions.

Madam Speaker, every year since I have been a member of Congress, I have introduced legislation to recognize the significance of Lunar New Year. I am proud to be joined by 61 fellow Representatives in today's introduction of this resolution to recognize the cultural and historical significance of the holiday. I believe Lunar New Year is not only about recognizing the many contributions the Asian American community has made, and continues to make, but also about honoring and acknowledging that our nation's strength lies in its diversity. I wish everyone a very Happy Lunar New Year. And Happy Year of the Ox.

IN RECOGNITION OF KALLI
TAYLOR

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Kalli Taylor of Bedford, Pennsylvania, for her selection to participate in the National Association of Music Education's 2021 All-Eastern Honor Ensembles as a member of the Treble Chorus.

The Treble Chorus is comprised of 120 members from nine states. Kalli was selected from a poll of more than 1,000 applicants to participate—a testament to her outstanding musical talent. As a student at Bedford Area High School, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to music. She is a member of Varsity Singers, the school's select choir, and has starred in three school musicals.

Kalli's dedication to music demonstrates her commitment to hard work, determination, and dedication. I congratulate Kalli on her selection for the Treble Chorus and wish her every continued success.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
WILLIAM “WILL” HOWARD
INGRAM

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a great Georgian and American. William, or “Will,” Howard Ingram the second of Richmond Hill tragically passed away at the age of 43. Will lived a successful life and began his career in the military after remarkably receiving appointments to all three of the United States Service Academies. He was a 1999 graduate of West Point.

After he honorably served his country as an Army officer, Will went on to earn a graduate degree from the University of Washington.

Following his active duty service, he went on to serve his country as an Army Civilian for over fifteen years.

During that time, he served as the Chief of Master Planning for the Army's Third Infantry Division for several years before he took on responsibilities as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Among all his many accomplishments, Will was most proud of his son, Gabe.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF KAREN LEWIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the life of a fierce and unyielding champion of Chicago's students, Karen Lewis.

A native of Chicago's South Side and daughter of Chicago Public School teachers, Lewis attended Chicago Public Schools until her early admission to Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Lewis would then make history at an early age, when she transferred to Dartmouth College and was the only African-American woman in her 1974 graduating class.

Returning to Chicago soon after her graduation from Dartmouth, Lewis began as a substitute chemistry teacher for Chicago Public Schools. Her intellect and commitment to her students earned Lewis a full-time teaching role, which she would hold for nearly two decades, enriching the lives and minds of students across the city. During her time as a chemistry teacher, Lewis taught at Lane Tech College Prep, Sullivan High School, and finally King College Prep in the Kenwood neighborhood, just blocks from her childhood home.

By 2008, Lewis had become a union delegate, bringing her energy and grit to the fight against school closures that would affect some of Chicago's most vulnerable students. Realizing that teachers and students faced increasing class sizes, school closures, and a budget crisis, Lewis put her bold vision forward and became the president of the Chicago Teacher's Union in 2010. In the face of many in Chicago's power structure calling for schools to be closed and protections to be stripped from dedicated educators, Lewis powerfully put forward a new vision for the city's public school, entitled The Schools Chicago's Students Deserve. With this vision, Lewis sought to narrow the often vast differences between what Chicago's teachers and students needed to be successful and what they actually received from Chicago Public Schools.

Madam Speaker, in September 2012, Karen Lewis rose to national prominence when she led the first teacher's strike in Chicago in a quarter century. Tackling a new mayoral administration that sought to lay off teachers in exchange for raises, Lewis led a labor movement whose tactics would be studied around the country as a model for successful organized labor. The nine days Karen Lewis led the Chicago Teachers Union on strike were instrumental in winning concessions that included a robust pay raise and fairer evaluation of classroom performance. The next year, teachers in Los Angeles used the tactics pioneered by Lewis to gain critical concessions from the city for their students and teachers. In 2018, West Virginia teachers used the Lewis play book during their strike. The 2012 Chicago teachers' strike has been described as having “changed the future of organizing.”

So great was the appreciation of Lewis's bold and unrelenting fight for Chicago's teachers and students that many in the city believed that she would make an exceptional mayor. Sadly, in 2014, Lewis received the life-altering diagnosis of glioblastoma, an aggressive type of brain cancer. True to the fighter she was, Lewis carried on her fearless advocacy after her diagnosis, continuing on as president of the Chicago Teacher's Union until 2018.

Madam Speaker, Karen Lewis passed away on February 7th at the age of 67. With her death, Chicago and the nation have lost an icon and a treasure. My deepest sympathies lie with her husband, John, and all of her close family and friends during this challenging time.

IN HONOR OF TRIPP HOGG

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today in honor of Tripp Hogg, who recently passed away. Tripp will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and community, but his memory will live on for many years to come.

Tripp was born on January 15, 1969, in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Lee Davis Highschool, where he graduated in 1987. Tripp graduated from East Carolina University in 1991, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the President of his Senior Class. Upon graduation from ECU, Tripp entered the Real Estate business in 1991 and joined his family's business, ERA Woody Hogg & Associates.

Tripp has three children, Oakleigh, Delaney, and Elle Hogg; as well as three stepchildren, Mary Beth, Mandy, and Josh Ratchford. Tripp is also survived by his beloved wife, Kathie White Hogg; his sister, Elizabeth Hogg; and his brother, Jonathan Hogg; as well as his father, O Woodland “Woody” Hogg, Jr. (Pamela Hogg); and his mother, Susan U. Hogg.

Tripp was an extraordinarily caring person who loved his family dearly, as well as his community, Commonwealth, and our Nation. I fondly remember the conversations we would have when we saw each other in the home improvement stores in the Mechanicsville area. He always began our conversations asking me how I was doing. I had the honor of hosting Tripp and his family on a personally guided tour of the U.S. Capitol and I will treasure that memory forever.

Tripp was always very active in his community, church, and profession. He consistently ranked in the top 1 percent of all salespeople both locally and nationally. Tripp was also an avid fisherman and loved everything with salt water. Tripp's passion for service to those around him will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. I pray that God may bring peace to Tripp's friends and family as they grieve his loss, and that they may be comforted and reminded of their fond memories of Tripp during this time. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today in remembrance of and to honor the life of Tripp Hogg.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT JAMES COOK

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to honor the life of Sergeant James Cook, who was tragically killed while serving as a security guard at the MetroLink Delmar station. This is especially heartbreaking as James leaves behind a wife and two young daughters. Along with being a husband and father, James was a veteran who served this country bravely for eight years in combat in Afghanistan and Africa. After his service, James would carry on his service to the community by continuing his work in law enforcement as a jailer in Crawford County. It is always a tragedy when a hero like James is taken. We must continue to honor him by living in service to others just as James did during his life. He will always be remembered for his sacrifices to his nation and his love for his family. I thank him for his service, and I wish my most sincere blessings to his family. May he now peacefully rest with God and watch down upon his wife and daughters as they live life in his honor. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sergeant James Cook.

NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL COURT
REPORTING AND CAPTIONING
WEEK

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important and irreplaceable work done by our court reporters and the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) during the 9th annual national court reporting and captioning week of February 6–13.

As guardians of the record, court reporters have a large impact on capturing history for posterity. During our nearly 250 years of American history, court reporters have been the cornerstone of our American justice system. From George Washington's Farewell Address to Lincoln's divided house speech, these noble servants have transcribed some of the most important pieces of American history.

Today, the NCRA provides a free course to introduce realtime writing to all Americans. This course allows high schoolers, career changers, college redirects, and military veterans to see if a profession in realtime writing is a good fit for them.

Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's important we focus on providing flexibility to our court reporters and ensuring captions are adhering to the FCC's Caption Quality Best Practices—as opposed to Automatic Speech Recognition, which oftentimes creates erroneous captions.

I want to thank realtime writers everywhere and the NCRA for all the hard work they do.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
CAROLYN LITTLE

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Little for her exceptional service to New Jersey and to announce that Ms. Little was selected as the 2021–2021 Outstanding Educator of the Year by New Jersey Thespians.

Amid a global crisis, while leading a statewide organization and serving as teacher for her students and two young daughters, Ms. Little continuously put the needs of her students and the less fortunate ahead of herself. While serving as a mentor to her students during this tough time, Ms. Little helped lead Toms River Thespian Troupe 7455 in their Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat Program. With the help of Ms. Little, Toms River Thespian Troupe 7455 at Toms River High School North raised over 547 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

I could not be prouder of Ms. Little and I thank her for her service.

RECOGNIZING SARAH LUMPKIN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing public servant.

The City Clerk of Hinesville, Sarah Lumpkin, is retiring after over 3 decades of service in local government.

Sarah began her career with the City of Hinesville when she joined the City team as an Accounts Payable Clerk and rose to the rank of Assistant City Clerk by 1991.

Throughout her career, she accumulated a long list of awards and accomplishments including being named the first recipient of the Hinesville City Hall Employee of the Year Award in 1994 and being designated "Certified Municipal Clerk" by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 1996.

She took her leadership skills to new heights when she served as President of the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officer's Association of the State of Georgia from 2006 to 2007. Sarah's guidance and expertise throughout her career paved the way for tremendous growth and success for the city of Hinesville, and I am very grateful for all she accomplished.

I wish her the best of luck as she begins her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORT
BEDFORD HONOR GUARD

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Fort Bedford Honor

Guard as this treasured organization marks 75 years of service to the Bedford County community.

The Fort Bedford Honor Guard, which is believed to be one of the longest-serving all-volunteer veteran honor guards in the nation, was formed in 1946 by World War II veterans Fred Wilfong, Ray Mock, Adam Crouse, Bob May, and Bob Howsare. For decades, this group has lived out its mission statement, "We Honor the Dead by Serving the Living," by serving the community with participation in funerals, parades, special services, and other ceremonies to honor the American flag, our veterans, and military families.

The members of the Fort Bedford Honor Guard are outstanding Americans, and we are indebted to their service to Bedford County, our Commonwealth, and our nation. I thank the leaders and members of the Fort Bedford Honor Guard for their years of service and congratulate them on this remarkable 75th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF ZETA PHI
BETA, HIGHLAND PARK CHAPTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding contributions of the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta's Highland Park, Michigan Chapter, Kappa Rho Zeta.

Under the leadership of the late lone H. Gibson, Florida Mitchell, Mary Grant, Louise Beamon, Brenda Reed and Constance Russell, Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority was founded with the purpose of upholding the tenets of sisterhood, service, and scholarship. Over the past 40 years, the sisters of Kappa Rho Zeta have given countless hours of community service to the people of Highland Park. Their service and charitable work has extended to several locally-based organizations, including the Agape of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Coalition of Temporary Shelter (COTS), Highland Park Lions Club, Park Geriatric Village, the Children's Center, Detroit Goodfellows, the Boys & Girls Club of Highland Park, and Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in Highland Park. They spearhead the annual holiday celebration for the seniors of Highland Park. Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter also opened two Stork's Nest locations in the community to provide workshops and assistance for pregnant mothers. And, in the tradition of scholarship of Zeta Phi Beta, uplift the graduating high school students of Highland Park by awarding scholarships to support them in their academic pursuits.

The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter have embodied the spirit of giving and the importance of service. Please join me in recognizing the women of Zeta Phi Beta Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter for their many outstanding contributions to the residents of Highland Park and the 13th Congressional District as they celebrate 40 years of sisterhood in service.

COVID-19 LANGUAGE ACCESS ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, with over 25 million people across our nation who have limited English proficiency, there is a critical need for translated COVID-19 outreach materials during this pandemic response.

We must ensure language barriers do not prevent individuals from accessing vital and potentially lifesaving COVID-19 information, especially as our federal, state, and local governments are working to get every single individual in the United States vaccinated.

Madam Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated already existing vulnerabilities, inequalities, and disparities, particularly in access to health care. Inadequate access to health care for reasons such as language barriers increases health disparities among vulnerable populations, especially those of communities of color.

Health disparities are often magnified for individuals who have limited English proficiency. For weeks after the COVID-19 public health emergency was declared, the government provided little to no information about COVID in languages other than English and Spanish, which left millions of people in the dark. No one should be left in the dark.

That is why I am re-introducing the COVID-19 Language Access Act, which would require any federal agency that receives coronavirus-related funding to provide COVID-19 written resources to the public in 20 languages: Spanish, Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, French, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese, Greek, Polish, Thai, Portuguese, Laotian, and Hmong. These selected languages are based on the languages required in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Language Access Plan for Disaster Assistance dated October 1, 2016. And Hmong has been added to reflect existing federal standards, including at Department of Homeland Security, for requiring Hmong translations in addition to Laotian.

I am proud that my bill has served as a basis for President Biden's presidential memorandum to address cultural and linguistic barriers to COVID-19 relief and recovery, especially for Asian Americans. President Biden's executive actions underscores the inequities of language access particularly in the midst of this COVID-19 outbreak.

Madam Speaker, fighting this pandemic requires everyone to have the right information and to be vaccinated. But to do so, we must eliminate any language barrier so that everyone is best prepared, informed, and ready to defeat this pandemic together. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF SHERRY
McDAVID

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sherry McDavid,

a regional development champion in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, upon her retirement after 27 years of service as Executive Director of the FIVCO Area Development District in rural, northeastern Kentucky.

Sherry's love for northeastern Kentucky has been evident in her tireless dedication and adamant advocacy to strengthen communities in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup and Lawrence counties for nearly four decades through her leadership at the FIVCO ADD and the FIVCO Service Agency. In addition to being a staunch advocate for economic development and infrastructure enhancement in Kentucky's Appalachian region, Sherry has been an organizational powerhouse, cultivating unlikely partnerships and rallying volunteers from across county-lines to meet the needs of our people. Whether distributing food commodities, caring for our elderly residents, or extending water and sewer service in our communities, Sherry filled the gap on many occasions and was the glue that held multiple programs together across the local, state, and federal levels. Sherry is the type of leader that accepts every challenge and surpasses every expectation for the good of the people around her.

When we examine the growth and progress in the FIVCO region over the last 38 years, we can see the influence of Sherry's astute business sense and her unmatched work ethic. Although she is retiring, Sherry should be proud of the firm foundation that she has laid for the next generation to build upon. She has made a resounding difference in our part of Kentucky.

In closing, I want to express my deep appreciation for Sherry's service to the people of northeastern Kentucky, her leadership and her assistance for our local leaders in the FIVCO region. It has been an honor to work alongside such an inspiring advocate for our communities. I wish Sherry and her family tremendous joy and blessings in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THESPIAN
TROUPE 1555 AT RANCOCAS
VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thespian Troupe 1555 at Rancocas Valley Regional High School for their exceptional service to New Jersey and their community.

Amid a global crisis, the students of Thespian Troupe 1555 at Rancocas Valley Regional High School revitalized the discontinued Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program and became true leaders. In response to the hunger they witnessed in their community, Thespian Troupe 1555 raised over 90 pounds of food for the RVRHS Food Pantry as part of the Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program.

In this time, where a growing number of New Jersey residents are going to bed hungry, we should be doing all we can to ensure that we feed those in need. Thespian Troupe 1555's work exemplifies the best of New Jersey and New Jersey's compassion for all of its citizens.

I could not be prouder of the students in this troupe, and I thank them for their service.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ALAN GREEN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Dr. Alan Green, the esteemed former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth College's Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. Green radiated resilience, energy, and a joy for life that carried him through both sickness and health until he passed away from cancer. Although he was diagnosed with a viral illness in 1974 that forced him to pause his psychiatry training for seven years, Dr. Green bounced back with a demonstrated passion for scientific research.

Dr. Green dedicated his life to researching schizophrenia, substance misuse disorders and establishing effective programs to treat those afflicted. As a beloved and respected professor and mentor, Dr. Green is often remembered by his students and colleagues for his curiosity, ambition, and drive. He was relentless in his aim to improve the lives of others and give back to those around him. His commitment to his work and his students will forever inspire the Hanover community.

I express my wholehearted appreciation for Dr. Green and his devotion to medicine and science. As an alumna of Dartmouth College, I am deeply grateful for Dr. Green's service to his students and the New Hampshire medical community. Although he will be profoundly missed, his memory will live on through the research he conducted, the treatments he developed, the students he taught, and the community he cared for. I offer my deepest condolences to his family. I wish them and the Dartmouth community comfort and warmth during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING
OF FRED SPACE

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a fixture in our northern New Jersey community, Fred Space. Fred was born in Beemerville, a community where he lived in, raised his family, and dedicated himself to improving throughout his entire life.

As the second-generation owner and zookeeper of Space Farms Zoo & Museum, and a 77-year member of the Beemerville Fire Department, Fred's commitment to his community was legendary to those who knew him. As part of his more than seven-decade career with the Beemerville Fire Department, Fred served as Fire Chief from 1951 to 1953. He was also a founding member of the Kittatinny Recreation Association, which would go on to become the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce. An avid outdoorsman, Fred translated his love of hunting, fishing, and trapping into the Beemerville Hunting Club, as its founding member. He continued his passion for the outdoors by becoming a Lifetime Member of the Sussex County Board of Agriculture, serving as its President. He was Director of the NJ Farm Bureau and served on the New Jersey

Fish and Game Council from 1963 to 1971, including a three-year stint as Chairman from 1969 to 1971.

Fred's remarkable legacy will live on in the business he helped grow, and which bears his family name. For three generations now, Space Farms Zoo and Museum has been a wonderful attraction here in our community. Fred loved working with the animals at the zoo, from the famous Kodiak bear named Goliath, with whom he shared a particular bond; or the 16-foot-long, 250-pound python, with whom he had an infamous run-in. There was nothing that could dissuade Fred from his hands-on work at the zoo.

Fred was a loving husband to Mira for 46 years, and proud father of Parker, Eric, Lori, and Renee. Fred's devotion to community engagement and love for the outdoors will continue on through his beloved nine grandchildren and twenty-one grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fred Space's extraordinary life, his service to our community, and the legacy he leaves behind.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, the Budget Resolution before the House is the first step toward providing urgently needed relief for the American people, as our Nation struggles to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our economy.

The need for Congress to act is both great and urgent. We're in a race against death, with over 450,000 fellow Americans lost to COVID-19. Our failure to defeat the virus has dragged our economy down, with more than 18 million Americans currently unemployed and scheduled to lose their unemployment insurance in six weeks if Congress does not act.

House Concurrent Resolution 11 allows Congress to quickly pass a bold \$1.9 trillion relief bill to defeat the virus, support workers and small businesses, and help families until the economy can reopen. President Biden's American Rescue Plan includes \$20 billion for a national vaccination strategy to increase supply and vaccination sites; \$50 billion to scale up testing through the purchasing of rapid tests and expanded lab capacity; and \$3 billion in innovative COVID-19 treatments. While we have effective vaccines to prevent people from getting COVID-19, we do not yet have accessible medicines to treat people who are sick with the disease. This plan funds research and large-scale clinical trials needed to develop therapeutics such as antivirals and antibodies to help people recover from COVID-19. The American Rescue Plan will also extend increased unemployment insurance for laid-off workers and provide resources for state and local governments to preserve the jobs of essential public workers fighting on the frontlines against this pandemic. These are the right policies at the right time.

House Concurrent Resolution 11, the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021, allows

Congress to provide pandemic relief through reconciliation, a procedure that allows the Senate to bypass the filibuster and pass this legislation with a simple majority vote. The American people simply want Congress to help them survive this pandemic and defeat the virus. This resolution is a major step in making good on our promise to provide bold, urgent, and necessary support to those who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic and to address our cascading economy, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING MR. SAM SPRUELL OF MOUNT HOPE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Sam Spruell from Mount Hope, Alabama, who passed away on January 7, 2021 after a life of 63 years. He was an upstanding citizen of our State, a respected member of the Mount Hope community, and an outstanding businessman and farmer.

Sam Spruell was an Alabamian through and through, widely known for the kindness and friendship he displayed throughout his entire life. More importantly, Sam was a husband, father, and farmer who cared deeply about his work and the people around him. Never missing an opportunity to lend a helping hand, Sam was always available to those who needed him.

Sam was also a champion for Alabama cotton and the producers throughout the State. He served as President of the Southern Cotton Growers from 2004 to 2005, a testament to his dedication and passion to the industry. He was also a member of the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the Alabama Cotton Commission, and the National Cotton Council. There is no doubt that Sam's countless hours of hard work in these arenas made an indelible impact for the State of Alabama and the nation—one that will continue for years to come.

Sam Spruell was a sincere and true man of God. As a leader of the Community Clothes Closet and Ministry of Hope, Sam played a key role in serving those around him. He went on to donate an entire building to The Caring Place, a charity near and dear to his heart.

Sam Spruell is now survived by his wife, Lynn Spruell; and two children, Jonathon Spruell and Liz Rhodes. In addition, he is survived by his five grandchildren, Shelby, Madi, Max, Mia, and Cam.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Sam's family and friends. The Fourth District, the State of Alabama, and the Nation have lost a friend and patriot. However, there is no question that his legacy and impact will live on well into the future.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING ELEANOR "SANDY" TORREY WEST

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember

and honor Mrs. Eleanor, or "Sandy," Torrey West, who passed away on January 17th at the age of one hundred and eight.

Mrs. West was known as a woman who embodied the spirit of Ossabaw Island, which is the third-largest of Georgia's barrier islands, just south of Savannah.

She established the Ossabaw Island Project in the 1960s and the Genesis Project in the 1970s as ways to allow students, artists, writers, scientists, ecologists, philosophers, and other intellectuals and creative thinkers to reconnect with the natural world, and with each other.

In the late 1970s, Mrs. West spearheaded her family's effort to assure that Ossabaw Island would remain preserved and protected.

She was the champion of Ossabaw, and her enthusiastic, joyful spirit shined in everything she did. Throughout Mrs. West's long, prosperous life, she inspired countless individuals. I am so thankful for her many contributions to Georgia's First District, and I know her legacy will continue for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

HONORING HANNAH YOTHERS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Hannah Yothers on becoming one of the first young women in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Boy Scouts of America to achieve the position of Eagle Scout.

Hannah joined the Boy Scouts in 2019, when girls were first able to join. She was one of the founding members of Troop 1372, which is partnered with the all-male Troop 372. Hannah first began her goal of becoming an Eagle Scout while in her senior year at Greater Latrobe High School and finished while attending Penn State Behrend in Erie.

In her journey to become an Eagle Scout, Hannah earned 31 merit badges, 10 more than the 21 required. For her Eagle Scout project, Hannah worked on landscaping, built two benches that can be converted into picnic tables, and other tasks at the Westmoreland Cleanways Recycling Center in Unity.

Hannah already is giving back to the Boy Scouts of America and her community by serving as an assistant Scoutmaster. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Hannah Yothers on her trailblazing achievement and wish her all the best in the chapters to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO FENCING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL COMPLEX ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the No Fencing at the United States Capitol Complex Act, which would prohibit the

construction of new permanent fencing on the grounds of the United States Capitol complex. Since the insurrectionist attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021, the Capitol complex has become an untraversable fortress surrounded by frightening fences capped with barbed wire, typical of authoritarian regimes. In recent days, some officials, including the Acting Capitol Police Chief, have suggested that fencing become a permanent security feature of the Capitol complex. Although I agree that more needs to be done to protect the Capitol complex, the failure of Capitol security leaders to plan for the predictable and openly announced attack on the Capitol does not justify closing the complex from the public, to whom it belongs. We can and must maintain our commitment to security without sacrificing public access by using the least restrictive means necessary to address security.

The attack on the Capitol, which had little to do with the lack of permanent fencing, was the greatest intelligence and security failure in the history of our Nation's capital. There were countless security failures on January 6 that we can and must address, including: Taking threats of extremist violence seriously at an earlier stage; blocking off the Capitol during high-profile and high-threat events, as is typically done, but was not done on January 6; manpower; and training. Permanent fencing, which is incredibly imprecise, would not address these very real security lapses. It is more likely to keep out children, joggers and tourists than a coordinated attack on the Capitol. In fact, it is another form of security theater—it would make the Capitol “look” safe but mask the lack of state-of-the-art security measures that could actually prevent attacks in the future. Just in the past few days, security experts have already begun putting forward innovative ways to protect the Capitol while also protecting the values of openness and transparency, which are central to our democracy. We must foster that dialogue and welcome fresh ideas, not default to an archaic security strategy that humans invented over 10,000 years ago.

Permanent fencing would send an un-American message to the Nation and the world, by transforming our democracy from one that is accessible and of the people to one that is exclusive and fearful of its own citizens. It would tell the world that the most powerful nation must rely on crude barriers for safety instead of state-of-the-art intelligence and security protocols. The Capitol has welcomed First Amendment protests and demonstrations for centuries without becoming a fortress. The openness of the Capitol and our democracy is our strength, not a security weakness that needs to be rooted out. Any further consideration of permanent fencing is desperate, distasteful and disrespectful of our history and institutions.

Furthermore, we cannot forget that the Capitol complex does not exist in a vacuum. It is immediately surrounded by residential neighborhoods and local businesses, which form the heart of the District of Columbia. Permanent fencing would cause serious damage to the fabric of these communities. These residents and businesses have been more than understanding as their neighborhoods have turned into militarized zones. They have waited patiently as officers check their identification on their walk home and taken alternative routes when they have found blocked streets.

Permanent fencing would infringe on their ability, as well as the general public's ability, to enjoy the public spaces that define our nation's capital.

Already, the distance between government and the people has grown, with trust in government at historic lows. We should not entrench that distance further by placing intimidating barriers between ourselves as public servants and the people we serve, especially when such barriers are neither effective nor necessary.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROBUST INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC ACT

HON. JESÚS G. “CHUY” GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Robust International Response to Pandemic Act, along with my colleagues JAN SCHAKOWSKY of Illinois and MARK TAKANO of California.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis it has generated are global problems and both require global solutions. The United States must show leadership by supporting each country's ability to fight the virus, and the Robust International Response to Pandemic Act will do that by supporting an issuance of Special Drawing Rights from the IMF that will boost the global economy and aid our response to the virus.

“Special Drawing Rights” will help countries avoid depleting their reserves during the turbulent economic times ahead; 2 trillion SDRs will help all of us—and especially emerging markets and developing economies—avoid financial catastrophe.

I urge this body to advance this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING JOHN BONANNI AND ANTHONY J. DENOVA FOR RECEIVING THE FIRST-EVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Morris County Administrator John Bonanni and Passaic County Administrator Anthony J. DeNova for receiving the first-ever County Administrator Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC). This award was created to highlight and honor the lifetime of dedication and hard work public officials like Bonanni and DeNova have brought to our communities in North Jersey.

John Bonanni is known for his deep commitment to Morris County, as a lifelong resident from Boonton and over 30 years of service in county administration. John does not like to be in the spotlight, but this award reflects how we all depend on his quiet, behind the scenes leadership. Early on in the coronavirus pan-

demic, he acted fast to protect those at high risk: long-term care residents, seniors, and people with disabilities. He was instrumental in securing funding for Morris County and other counties from the state's allocation of the Corona virus Relief Fund to cover critical expenditures on testing, PPE procurement, and crisis pay for first responders.

Anthony J. DeNova has deep roots in Passaic County and his dedication to and love for the community he has lived in his whole life shines through in the work he does each day. You would be hard-pressed to find anyone who does not consider Tony their friend. Under his leadership, strong county budgeting has barred any tax increases for his constituents, while still funding the county's most important programs. When the pandemic hit, he worked swiftly to set up testing sites and at-home testing for all Passaic residents. With the COVID-19 vaccine distribution underway, he has worked diligently to get vaccination sites up and running and get shots into arms.

County Administrators play a vital role in our counties and communities. John Bonanni and Anthony DeNova dedicated themselves to public service and improving the everyday lives of the residents of Morris and Passaic counties. Their leadership was critical in guiding NJ-11 through the darkest day of the pandemic. It has been a pleasure working with both of them over the past two years and I look forward to the years ahead. This lifetime achievement award is well-deserved.

CONGRATULATING BRITNEE KINARD

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate SD Gunner Fund's Britnee Kinard for receiving the President's Lifetime Achievement Award because of her outstanding service to fellow Americans. The AmeriCorp's President's Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor of the President's Volunteer Service Award, and it recognizes individuals, families, and groups who achieve a remarkable number of service hours.

In receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, Britnee is being recognized for her over 4,000 hours of service to ensure the continuation of America's unrivaled commitment to improving countless lives. Britnee is the founder and President of SD Gunner Fund, which is an incredible organization that assists veterans, exceptional children, and first responders in receiving vital resources such as service dogs, therapy dogs, emergency assistance, community advocacy and education, and much more.

She was inspired to start the successful SD Gunner Fund when she left her high profile career in business to become a full-time caregiver to her husband after he suffered life-altering injuries while serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I want to thank Britnee for her selfless commitment to service through SD Gunner Fund, and I wish her the best. I'm extremely proud to have Britnee here in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WAYNESBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waynesboro Area School District students, teachers, and

leaders as they celebrate the successful completion of 100 days of school during the 2020–2021 academic year—a great accomplishment during the COVID–19 pandemic.

This ongoing public health crisis has affected every American community across the country—including our children and schools. Despite the challenges they are facing, the Waynesboro Area School District is open for in-person instruction and has only required virtual instruction for eight days this school year.

Getting children safely back to school is a key piece of our nation's recovery from this pandemic, and I applaud the Waynesboro Area School District leaders, teachers, staff, and parents for their commitment to their students' continuity of quality education.

As they mark their 100th day of school, I congratulate the Waynesboro Area School District community on a successful reopening of in-person instruction and wish them a continued safe and successful school year.